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SUBJ: UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS ON US AND NATO MILITARY
FACILITIES IN GREECE

1. WHEN I MET WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE AVEROFF THIS MORNING FOR A TOUR D'HORIZON PRIOR TO MY RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON SUNDAY, I ASKED HIM HOW HE SAW THE UNFOLDING OF THE ANTICIPATED DISCUSSIONS AND POSSIBLE RENEGOTIATION OF US AND NATO MILITARY FACILITIES IN GREECE. AVEROFF SAID THAT THE ACTION ON THE MATTER NOW RESTED WITH HIM AND HIS MINISTRY. HE SAID THAT HE HAD ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL GROUP AMONG HIS SERVICES AND IN THE DEFENSE MINISTRY TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY WORKING AND POSITION PAPERS FOR THE GOG ON THIS GENERAL SUBJECT. HE SAID HE WAS UNDER AN INSTRUCTION FROM PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS TO DO A FULL SCALE ANALYSIS OF THE MATTER AND TO PRESENT TO CARAMANLIS THOSE SPECIFIC POINTS WHICH REQUIRED THE PRIME MINISTER'S DECISION OR WOULD ENABLE THE PRIME MINISTER TO ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY GUIDE LINES FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE GREEK SIDE.

2. AVEROFF SAID THAT HIS WORKING GROUP HAD IDENTIFIED APPROXIMATELY 150 "MAJOR" POINTS THAT NEEDED TO BE DECIDED BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT BEFORE DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITH THE USG. AVEROFF SAID HE COULD NOT POSSIBLY ASK CARAMANLIS TO STUDY AND ABSORB ALL OF THE BACKGROUND AND DETAIL UNDERLYING THESE 150 POINTS.

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THEREFORE, HE HAD DECIDED TO BOIL THE PAPER DOWN INTO

APPROXIMATELY 10 MAJOR DECISION WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD HAVE TO MAKE. BASED ON THESE DECISIONS HE AND FONMIN BITSIOS WOULD HAVE ALL THE GUIDANCE THEY REQUIRED TO BEGIN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH US.

3. I TOLD AVEROFF THAT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW WE WERE IN NO HURRY TO BEGIN THESE DISCUSSIONS BUT I WANTED TO ASSURE HIM THAT WE WOULD BE READY TO MEET AND DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH THE DESIGNATED GOG REPRESENTATIVES WHENEVER THEY WISHED. I SAID THAT THE USG INTENDED TO APPROACH THESE DISCUSSIONS IN A FULLY COOPERATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER SEEKING TO SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES AND THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

4. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION AVEROFF SAID HE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE HIS OWN VERSION OF THE BOILED DOWN REPORT AND DECISION-MAKING MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER WITHIN A MATTER OF DAYS. HE DID NOT SAY SO SPECIFICALLY BUT I GOT THE IMPRESSION FROM AVEROFF THAT THE GOG WOULD BE APPROACHING US PROBABLY DURING THE SECOND HALF OF JANUARY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OPENING THE DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS. AS RECOMMENDED IN MY PREVIOUS MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE READY TO MEET PROMPTLY WITH THE GREEKS WHEN THEY ARE READY TO PROCEED.
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